Claims

[c1]   1. A method for conferencing, comprising:

monitoring a status of participants in a conference; and

transmitting a re-invite signal to any participant that is

disconnected from the conference in response to the

participant being reconnectable.

[c2]   2. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmit-

ting the re-invite signal to any participant that exits the

conference in response to the participant transmitting a

request to rejoin the conference.

[c3]   3. The method of claim 1, further comprising adding a

participant to a disconnected participant list for each

participant that is disconnected from a conference.

[c4]   4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

monitoring the disconnected participant list;

recording the conference in response to at least one par-

ticipant being in the disconnected participant list; and

discontinuing to record the conference in response to

the disconnected participant list being empty.

[c5]   5. The method of claim 1, further comprising replaying a

recording of the conference in response to a discon-

nected participant rejoining the conference.

[c6]   6. The method of claim 5, further comprising presenting an interface to control replaying the recording of the conference by the rejoining participant.

[c7]   7. The method of claim 5, further comprising removing the rejoining participant from a disconnected participant list in response to completion of replaying the recording of the conference.

[c8]   8. The method of claim 5, further comprising determining the disconnect or exit time for each rejoining participant from a timestamp associated with each rejoining participant.

[c9]   9. The method of claim 1, further comprising adding each participant to a participant list in response to each participant joining the conference.

[c10]   10. The method of claim 9, further comprising removing any participant from the participant list in response to the participant exiting the conference.

[c11]   11. The method of claim of claim 1, wherein conferencing comprises at least one of Web-based conferencing, videoconferencing, audio conferencing, teleconferencing, instant messaging and Internet Relay Chat.

[c12]   12. A method for conferencing, comprising:
monitoring a status of each participant in a conference;
adding a participant to a disconnected participant list in
response to the participant being disconnected; and
recording the conference in response to at least one par-
ticipant being in the disconnected participant list.

[c13]   13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
monitoring the disconnected participant list;
continuing to record the conference in response to at
least one participant being in the disconnected partici-
pant list; and
discontinuing to record the conference in response to
the disconnected participant list being empty.

[c14]   14. The method of claim 12, further comprising adding
an identification and a timestamp to the disconnected
participant list for each participant that is involuntarily
disconnected or exits the conference and indicates an
intent to return.

[c15]   15. The method of claim 12, further comprising replay-
ing a recording of the conference from a disconnect time
to a present time for each participant in the discon-
nected participant list in response to a rejoining partici-
pant rejoining the conference.

[c16]   16. The method of claim 15, further comprising presenting an interface to the rejoining participant to control replaying the recording.

[c17]   17. The method of claim 15, further comprising removing the rejoining participant from the disconnected participant list in response to completion of replaying the recording of the conference or the disconnected participant skipping replaying the recording.

[c18]   18. The method of claim 15, further comprising determining the disconnect time for each rejoining participant from a timestamp associated with each rejoining participant.

[c19]   19. The method of claim 12, further comprising transmitting a re-invite signal to any participant on the disconnected participant list in response to the participant being able to rejoin the conference.

[c20]   20. A system for conferencing, comprising:
at least one server; and
a conferencing function operable on the at least one server to monitor a status of participants in a conference.

[c21]   21. The system of claim 20, further comprising means to

record the conference in response to at least one participant being disconnected from the conference.

[c22] 22. The system of claim 20, further comprising a participant list to store an identification of each participant in the conference.

[c23] 23. The system of claim 20, further comprising a disconnected participant list to store an identification associated with each participant that is disconnected from the conference.

[c24] 24. The system of claim 23, further comprising:
means for monitoring the disconnected participant list;
means for continuing to record the conference in response to at least one participant being in the disconnected participant list; and
means for discontinuing to record the conference in response to the disconnected participant list being empty.

[c25] 25. The system of claim 24, means for replaying a recording of the conference from a disconnect or exit time to a present time for each participant in the disconnected participant list in response to a rejoining participant rejoining the conference.

[c26] 26. The system of claim 25, further comprising an interface presentable to the rejoining participant to control

replaying the recording.

[c27] 27. The system of claim 25, further comprising means for removing the rejoining participant from the disconnected participant list in response to completion of replaying the recording of the conference.

[c28] 28. The system of claim 20, further comprising means for transmitting a re-invite signal to any disconnected participant in response to the disconnected participant being able to rejoin the conference.

[c29] 29. A method for making a system for conferencing, comprising:
providing at least one server; and
providing a conference function operable on the at least one server to monitor a status of participants in a conference.

[c30] 30. The method of claim 29, further comprising providing means to record the conference in response to at least one participant being disconnected from the conference.

[c31] 31. The method of claim 29, further comprising forming a disconnected participant list to store an identification associated with each participant that is disconnected from the conference.

[c32]   32. The method of claim 31, further comprising:
        providing means for monitoring the disconnected partic-
        ipant list;
        providing means for continuing to record the conference
        in response to at least one participant being in the dis-
        connected participant list; and
        providing means for discontinuing to record the confer-
        ence in response to the disconnected participant list be-
        ing empty.

[c33]   33. The method of claim 32, further comprising provid-
        ing means for replaying a recording of the conference
        from a disconnect time to a present time for each partic-
        ipant in the disconnected participant list in response to a
        rejoining participant rejoining the conference.

[c34]   34. The method of claim 33, further comprising provid-
        ing means for forming an interface presentable to the
        rejoining participant to control replaying the recording.

[c35]   35. The method of claim 33, further comprising provid-
        ing means for removing the rejoining participant from
        the disconnected participant list in response to comple-
        tion of replaying the recording of the conference.

[c36]   36. The method of claim 29, further comprising provid-
        ing means for transmitting a re-invite signal to any dis-

connected participant being able to rejoin the conference.

[c37]   37. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method, comprising:
monitoring a status of participants in a conference; and transmitting a re-invite signal to any participant that is disconnected from the conference in response to the participant being able to rejoin the conference.

[c38]   38. The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 37, further comprising adding a participant to a disconnected participant list for each participant that is disconnected from the conference.

[c39]   39. The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 38, further comprising:
monitoring the disconnected participant list;
recording the conference in response to at least one participant being in the disconnected participant list; and discontinuing to record the conference in response to the disconnected participant list being empty.

[c40]   40. The computer-readable medium having computer

executable instructions for performing the method of claim 39, further comprising replaying a recording of the conference in response to a disconnected participant rejoining the conference.

[c41]   41. The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 40, further comprising presenting an interface to control replaying the recording of the conference by a rejoining participant.

[c42]   42. The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 40, further comprising removing the rejoining participant from the disconnected participant list in response to completion of replaying the recording of the conference.

[c43]   43. The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 37, further comprising adding each participant to a participant list in response to each participant joining the conference.

[c44]   44. The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 43, further comprising removing any participant

from the participant list in response to the participant exiting the conference without an indication of returning.